

From: [Seppi, Pat](#)
To: [Thomas Conway](#)
Cc: [Gowers, Joe](#)
Subject: Re: EPA News Release for Ringwood Mines site
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:31:32 PM

Thanks for your email, Tom. I was very upset and you made me feel so much better. Joe is out today but we can accept your comments as is and of course, you can add additional comments through June 3, 2020. Email comments are better since our offices are closed and regular mail is not that reliable and timely.

Have a good evening!

Thanks again,

Pat

Sent from my iPhone

From: Thomas Conway [REDACTED]
Date: May 5, 2020 at 12:47:52 PM EDT
To: "Seppi, Pat" <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: EPA News Release for Ringwood Mines site

Pat,

Mistakes happen and I am glad we got to the bottom of the email mystery. Thank you for the research and solution. Please confirm via a separate email once you send another blast. I did not know extensions could be requested by the public, so I will keep that in mind as the month progresses and determine if the Covid19 situation is still impacting people's ability to respond.

Sorry for my tone yesterday. I am at my wits end with this economic catastrophe and chose an unfortunate place to let the steam out. If nothing else, it sounds like we are good going forward with the emails and I have a better understanding of how comment periods are extended. At least this turned out to be productive.

Last, can I replace those comments or should I just add detail and a few more points in a second comment?

Regards,
Thomas Conway
Chair, Ringwood Environmental Commission
[REDACTED]

On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 11:23 AM Seppi, Pat <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tom,

This is what I sent out to my email list yesterday. This is how I figured out why you were not getting my messages. When I bcc'd the names of the people who received this, your name and email address was there but it was the address of a different person whose name is Tom also. Somehow, I mixed up the email addresses and even though your name and email came up, the actual address was wrong.

So that you know, we had to wait for EPA HQ approval before we could send the release out. We finally went ahead and did it since the news release would go out later that day. We received word on Friday, May 1 that the comment period would be extended, we sent Chief Mann an email since he was the requestor. Once we received the ok to send out the release, I did that on Monday morning, May 4. The original request to extend the comment period for the third time actually went to DEP, not EPA. It would have been better for the request to come directly to us, so we lost a couple days there. I know that's no excuse but I wanted you to know what went on at this end. I will go ahead and add your other email addresses, but I now know that the original list now has your correct address, not the other Tom.

Again, I apologize for my error. I feel awful about it.

Thanks

Pat

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From: Seppi, Pat
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Seppi, Pat <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA News Release for Ringwood Mines site

Good Afternoon,

I've attached a news release which will go out later this afternoon announcing a third extension to the public comment period for the Ringwood Mines site, OU3, the groundwater. Please note comments will be accepted until COB June 3, 2020.

Thank you,

Pat Seppi

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From: Seppi, Pat <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Seppi, Pat <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA News Release for Ringwood Mines site

Good Afternoon,

I've attached a news release which will go out later this afternoon announcing the third extension to the public comment period for the Ringwood Mines site, OU3, the groundwater. Please note this

comment period ends on June 3, 2020.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Pat